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PREVENTING BOVINE SCOURS

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STATEMENT OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

I, David L. Marks, Registration Number 37,881, am the duly appointed attorney of record for the above referenced patent application.

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E. coli strain B41 - ATCC Deposit Number PTA-5951

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E. coli strain B44 - ATCC Deposit Number PTA-5954

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Respectfully submitted,

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